

**Village of Volente Regular Council Meeting,
Tuesday, January 20, 2009, 7:00 P.M.
Executive Session 6:30 P.M.
at VVFD and Community Center, 15406 FM 2769, Volente, Texas**

B. Call to order and Announce Quorum is Present. Meeting called to order at 7:15 P.M. Present were Jan Yenawine, Fred Graber, Lee Bass, Gary Murphy, Brian Nasky and Justine Blackmore-Hlista.

C. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG and reading of Village Vision Statement:
Mayor Yenawine read the Vision Statement and led the Pledge to the flag.

D. VISTOR/CITIZENS FORUM: Nancy Carafel, Joy Road resident, asked Council to consider having the Senior Tax Freeze on the ballot in May and consider dividing the Village into precincts.

E. CONSENT AGENDA: Justine Blackmore-Hlista made a motion to approve consent items 1, 2, 4, and 6. Brian Nasky seconded. All agreed.

1. Minutes of the November 18, 2008 Council Meeting,
2. Minutes of the December 16, 2008 Council Meeting
3. Financial Statement.

Fred Graber made a motion to add a balance statement sheet along with financial report on the agenda dated first of month. Justine Blackmore-Hlista seconded. All in favor.

4. Take part in the purchase of a new community bulletin board with the VNA and VVFD.

5. Setting date and time for spring cleanup. Discussed setting the clean up day for April 18th. Alternate dates are March 21 or March 28. Time for the event to be 9-2.

6. Appointing Chris Wilder from alternate BOA to Planning & Zoning Commission.

7. Resolution in support of the legislative application by Representative Donna Howard regarding a general law municipality the authority to regulate the location of certain facilities to withdraw, pump or otherwise deliver drinking water. Justine Blackmore- Hlista made a motion to approve the resolution with Fred Graber seconding. All agreed.

F. REGULAR AGENDA:

8. Consideration and possible action on request by Highland Bend Estates for variance from Site Development Ordinance, Section 33.333 e.(2) b; joint driveway width. Applicant is requesting minimum width of driveway to be twenty (20) feet and not the required twenty-four (24) feet.

Applicant sent letter to have this withdrawn from the agenda. Council discussed briefly the application and the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission.

9. Consideration and possible action regarding next joint meeting with BCRUA.

It was discussed that at future meetings that citizens should be allowed to speak and that all Council Members should be present and not just a sub committee of them. Also stated that the Council is agreeable to meet outside of Volente in their municipalities.

10. Consideration and possible action on a follow-up letter to Dec. 10 meeting regarding participants seeking specific answers to specific questions to the Three-Cities Proposed Deep Water Intake Project.

Judy Graci, of Booth Circle, stated she felt there was a lack of response to questions.

Lee Bass made a motion to open the next meeting up to citizen questions and all Council members for all the cities and to be flexible on the location. Fred Graber seconded. All agreed.

11. Consideration and possible action regarding the issuing of Certificate of Occupancy for new construction.

Gary Frame, city code inspector, stated he has spoken to PEC to work with them to get permission from the Village before they hook up the power to new homes. PEC presently, hooks up temporary meters. When construction is completed they hook up the permanent meter allowing the owners to move in with out a certificate of occupancy. Justine Blackmore-Hlista made a motion to have an agreement with PEC that no permanent meter is to be installed without a certificate of occupancy from the Village. Brian Nasky seconded with all in agreement.

12. Consideration and possible action on accepting bid for tree trimming on Lakeview Street. Lee Bass reported that the Village received three bids for the trimming and clearing on Lakeview. Justine Blackmore-Hlista made a motion to contract with Arbortex for the sum of \$900.00. Lee Bass seconded. All agreed.

13. Consideration and possible action on payroll fees.
Lee Bass explained to Council that the payroll fees will be reduced 50%.

14. Consideration and possible action on review of budget to allow for extra City Secretary pay. No action. Council will review budget at a later date.

G. Future Meetings and agenda items.

1.) Regular Meeting Date. Next regular meeting will be February 17, 2009. Agenda items will be discussion on how to handle reviews of subdivision and driveways between the Fire Marshall office and the VVFD.

2) Meeting with PEC scheduled January 22, 2009

H. Adjourn. Justine Blackmore-Hlista made a motion to adjourn with Fred Graber seconding.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009

Jan Yenawine, Mayor

Jennifer Zufelt, City Secretary